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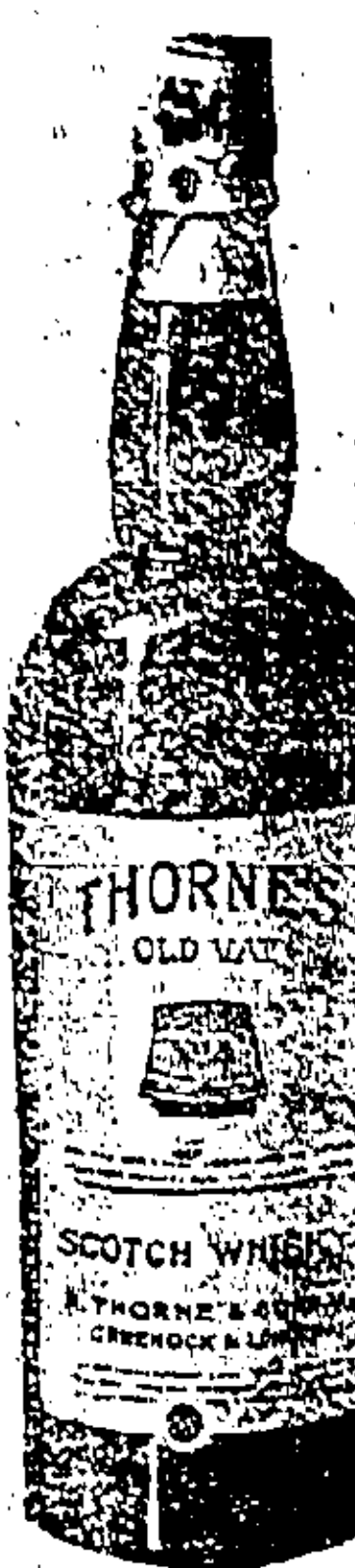
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Hongkong, November 13, 1909. 1424

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Three men were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with kidnapping a boy from Kowloon, and at the Magistrate's today they were committed for trial.

A boy was charged with stealing a quantity of clothing at Tai Kok Tsui, and at the Magistrate's this morning a sentence of one week's imprisonment was imposed.

A native concerned in the theft of seven planks at Wanchai commenced his seven days' confinement as the result, while another defendant in the same case was remanded.

Mr. Reader Harris appeared for a defendant, before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's this morning, who was charged with stealing seven bags of sugar. The case was remanded.

A native was charged with selling opium at 17 Cochrane Street, and Mr. E. R. Hallifax, at the Magistrate's this morning, imposed a fine of \$150 or six weeks' imprisonment. Another native, who was found in possession of a quantity of drugs opium at 57, The Peak, was fined \$25 by the same Magistrate. The opium was found in the pantry.

THE PAGEANT OF EMPIRE.

Reuter on Wednesday evening informed us that the Pageant of Empire, arranged to begin at the Crystal Palace on May 23rd and run to July 10, has been postponed for a year, in consequence of the lamented death of King Edward. The Pageant would have been on a gigantic scale, Mr. Lascelles, the Master of the Ceremonies, having secured the help of fifteen thousand performers. In the final scene the Overseas States were to have been represented by 200 persons each, symbolical of the children gathered round the mother. The twenty-four scenes were arranged in three parts as follows:—Part I.—The Dawn of History; the foundations of London; the coming of Christianity; the Danish invasion; the Norman Conquest; Civic freedom; London's Palladium; the Age of Chivalry. Part II.—The Canterbury Pilgrims; Social Upheaval; the triumph of Conquest; Passing of Mediaevalism in England; First Discoveries; London of Merrie England; Education and Poor Law; Spacious Days of Queen Elizabeth. Part III.—Rise of the English Theatre; Trade with the Indies; Beginnings of Empire; Passing of Old London; A mourning Triumph; New Discoveries; End of the Great War; Gathering of the Overseas Dominions round the Mother Country. In addition, Empire Concerts, Historical Costume Balls and Carnavals; Military Lances, special theatrical performances and fireworks, besides art exhibitions and inventions displays were arranged.

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the Report of the Directors, together with
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1910.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be
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EDWARD OSBORNE,

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Hongkong, May 9, 1910.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 10.

Though both the Premier and Mr. Birrell
have flatly denied that there is any compact
between the Liberals and the Irish, feeling
in the House is otherwise. The Budget and
the Lords' report, Irish politics occupy a large
share of attention at home just now, for the
rebellious attitude of William O'Brien
makes things interesting between the
various sections of the Nationalists and the
revelations of Sir Robert Anderson as to
the authorship of the Times articles on
"Parnellism and Crime" have revived
much ancient bitterness and infused any
amount of pugilistic feeling into the at-
mosphere of the House of Commons. The
other night "Willie" Redmond was only
restrained from punching the head of Mr.
Stanley Wilson by the intervention of John
Burns and one or two others.

Next in immediate heat is Mr. Balfour's
announcement in favour of admitting
Colonial wheat free. It is a decision not
in agreement with some of the Tariff Reform
party and it makes the "Morning Post"
among others, angry. Moreover, it has not
placated the home agriculturists who are
not much inclined to care whether the corn
comes from Canada or the Argentine, so
long as it hits them. But Mr. Balfour has
made some very brilliant attacks on the
Government of late and it would appear
that he is about to throw himself and
his more active followers into an active
campaign, in preparation for the next
election, which he thinks the Opposition
can win.

Part of this plan of campaign is to be a
vigorous attack on the Free Trade strong-
holds of the North. In this attack, I may
mention, Mr. Gresham Stewart, member
for the Writal division of Cheshire, and
well known in the East, who has been
allotted a prominent part.

But it is just as well to see the fun of
politics on whichever side it comes, so I
include in this brief survey the plan of a
Mr. Marmion of Boodle, who wrote to Col.
Sandys, the Conservative member for the
division, pointing out that much machinery
is brought into this country from Germany
"for taking the wrinkles out of trips" and
he asked the Colonel to move for a measure
of protection because trips is an important
item in the food supply of Lancashire. The
gallant member, with infinite tact, replied
that there was no hope for sympathy from
this Government, but under the next the
prospects would be infinitely brighter.

On Thursday evening a most interesting
lecture, illustrated with beautiful lantern
slides, was given in the Caxton Hall on
"Chinese porcelain" by Mr. R. L. Hobson,
B.A., of the British Museum. How widely
the subject appeals was shown in the large
attendance of China Society members and
the close attention paid to the excellent
lecture.

The subject being a very extensive one,
covering a wide variety of wares and a
long stretch of history, the lecturer
contented himself with giving a survey of
the main points to be remembered in dis-
covering what periods Chinese porcelain
belonged to.

There were no examples known to
experts, he said, of translucent Chinese
ware dating back further than the Sung
dynasty, from 960 to 1279. But according
to records in Chinese archives porcelain
was made as early as 618 A.D. Of the
Sung ware, Londoners, he announced,
would soon be able to take closer
stock, for a fine exhibition was shortly to
be held in the West End. The collectors
have been able to enrich their hoards with
many more specimens since railways began
to cut through China, disclosing much
buried treasures.

Next he spoke of the pottery centre of
Ching-tchen, where during the Yuan
dynasty there was great activity in produc-
ing translucent white porcelain. The
classic period for Chinese porcelain was
from the fourteenth to the seventeenth
centuries, especially in the first half of
Ming dynasty but these wares were
hardly known out of the East, and nothing
like so familiar to Westerners as the
sixteenth century Ming ware. Of these
wares the most notable were the five
coloured porcelain of the Wan-li period,
and the blue and white porcelain.

At that time began the manufacture of
that extensive variety of ware known as
famille verte, from the green predominance
of the various tints. But there was much
unwarranted description of lots in Western
sale catalogues attributing items to the Ming
period, and it behooved collectors to be wary.
Most of the specimens prized in the collec-
tions of the West belonged to the Kang-
hi, the Tung-chen and the Chien-lung
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from 1662 to 1795. The Tung-chen period
was famous for the introduction of the
famille rose enamel, and this style was
developed in the Chien-lung period, to the
superiority of the famille verte.

Finally the lecturer told how the art of
pottery died steadily in the nineteenth
century till the Taiping rebellion came
along and the Imperial factories were
destroyed as a final blow to the industry.

An entertaining and excellent chairman
was found in Ivan Chen, the popular
secretary of the Chinese Legation.

There is a closer connection between the
Board of Agriculture's revelations on
imported dogs and China than would be
supposed at first glance. For Chows are

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Intimations.

PEARSON'S HYCOL

(Co-efficient 18/30)

The most POWERFUL DISINFECTANT in the WORLD. Guaranteed 18/30
TIMES more effective than pure Carbolic Acid under GOVERNMENT STANDARD
TEST on TYPHOID GERMS. Certificate of strength given to each buyer.
NON-POISONOUS and NON-IRRITANT to HUMAN and ANIMAL life
NON-CORROSIVE.

ONE GALLON will make 400 GALLONS of Efficient Disinfectant.

PERFECT EMULSION IN WATER.
PRICE \$3.00... per 1 Gallon Drum.
12.50... per 5 Gallon Drum.
2.60... per 1 Gallon in Bulk.

PEARSON'S SAPONIFIED CRESOL

Co-efficient 10; \$1.95 per 1 gallon Drum.
5; \$1.75 per 1 gallon Drum.

Ask other manufacturers of fluids for a Guarantee of the Germicidal
Strengths of their products (in relation to Pure Carbolic Acid) under the
Standard Test on Typhoid Germs and then compare the result with our
HYCOL—This is the only way you can arrive at the Germ killing properties
and at the true value of a Genuine Disinfecting Fluid.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA & JAPAN FOR

PEARSON'S ANTISEPTIC CO., LD.

Hongkong, May 8, 1910.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established our Hong-
kong Branch, with Offices in the
Hongkong Hotel, Borneo, Des Vaux
Road, and have admitted as a PARTNER
to this said Branch, Mr. DENIS EVART
DONNELLY, under whose management
the business will be conducted.
-GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,
Wholesale Wine Merchants.
Hongkong, May 7, 1910.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are GENERAL
REPRESENTATIVES throughout
the FAR EAST for the following Firms—
Ackerman-Laurance (Estbd. 1811) Cham-
pagne Shippers, St. Hilaire, St.
Franc, France.
James Buchanan & Co., Ltd. Scotch
Whisky Distillers, London and
Glasgow.
Cunliffe, Dobson & Co. (Estbd. 1804),
Cognac Shippers, Bordeaux.
Dennis, Monie & Co. (Estbd. 1838),
Cognac Shippers, Cognac.
Edgell & Hutchinson, Wine Shippers,
London.
Foster & Sons, Ltd. (Estbd. 1829), Beer
and Stout Bottlers, London.
Hunt, Roope, Tass & Co. (Estbd.
previous to 1795), Port Shippers,
Oporto and London.
Humphrey, Taylor & Co. (Estbd. 1770),
Liquor Distillers, London.
Martini & Rossi, (Largest Vintners
Manufacturers in the World), Turin.
Meux's Brewery Co., Ltd. (Estbd. 1764)
Beer and Stout, Brewers, London.
Tanqueray, Gordon & Co. (Estbd. 1769)
Gin Distillers, London.
GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,
Wholesale Wine Merchants.
Hongkong, May 7, 1910.

NOTICE.

IN connection with the above adver-
tisements we have this day appointed
Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Retail Agents for the Sale of the above
Wines and Spirits to whom all enquiries
should be addressed.
GARNER, QUELCH & CO.,
Wholesale Wine Merchants.
Hongkong, May 10, 1909.

NOTICE.

HAVING this day been appointed by
Messrs GARNER, QUELCH & CO.
Retail Agents for the Sale of the above
Wines and Spirits we are prepared
to supply same at reasonable prices. Every
Wine mentioned on our Wine and Spirit
Price List, which will be supplied on application,
is BOTTLED IN EUROPE by the
Shippers.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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JAPANESE MAKERS.

EVERY KIND

OF

Footwear.

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CHERRY & CO.,

35, WELLINGTON STREET.

Hongkong, May 5, 1910.

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N^o. 2, CONDUT ROAD, from 1st
July. Five Rooms. Electric Light
throughout. Splendid Harbour View.
Apply to
Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.
Hongkong, May 9, 1910.

TO LET.

FULLY FURNISHED, TANDERAGE,
110, The PEAR. From 1st May
for Ten months.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, April 25, 1910.

TO LET.

OFFICES in DES VEAUX ROAD,
CENTRAL.
Apply to
Messrs PERCY SMITH & SETH,
5, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, March 21, 1910.

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 54, DUNDRELL
STREET.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, January 1, 1910.

TO LET.

ONE LARGE SHOP with ample Store
Rooms, from 1st July, 1910
Apply to the MEDICAL HALL, corner
of Des Vaux Road and Ice House Street.
Hongkong, April 29, 1910.

TO LET.

N^o. 2, MEIRION, The Peak.
Apply to
HUGHES & HOUGH.
Hongkong, December 17, 1909.

TO LET.

BUXLEY LODGE, CAINE ROAD,
B suitable for Boarding House, School,
College, or Family Residence, recently
painted and renovated throughout. Im-
mediate possession.
Apply to
CHATER & MODY.
Hongkong, May 14, 1909.

TO LET.

N^o. 4, BARROW TERRACE,
Kowloon.
Apply to
SPANISH DOMINICAN
PROCURATION.
Hongkong, March 11, 1910.

TO LET (IMMEDIATE POSSESSION).

N^o. 18, PEAK ROAD.

NINE ROOMED HOUSE, Electric

Light fittings

Bathrooms and W.C.s.

Below the log line.

Halfway to the Peak.

Rent \$200 per month including taxes.

Apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

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TO LET.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.
GODOWNS in PRATA EAST, Five Build-
ings.

No. 10, Des Vaux Road CENTRAL, 1st

Floor.

A House in RYON TERRACE.

A House in Wong Nei Yuen Road.

OFFICES, No. 2, CONNAUGHT

ROAD, 3rd Floor.

DARTMOOR, No. 13, Conduit Road.

A HOUSE in OLIFTON GARDENS.

OFFICES, 18, Des Vaux Road Central.

GODOWNS, PRATA EAST, formerly occupied

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SEMI-EUROPEAN FLATS, Moderate

Rents, PRATA EAST—Corner of Obser-
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Also new EUROPEAN FLATS

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1910.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Compiled by the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd., at 100 cents per Dollar American.

Butcher Meat.

Beef, prime cut—Malong P...	20
Corned Ham Ngau Yak	22
Roast—Shiu	22
Breast—Ngau Lam	15
Scap—Tong Yik	20
Steak—Ngau Yik Pa	22
Cutlet—Ngau Lao Shik	22
Wagyu—Ngau Chong	22
Bullock's—Shiu	22
Tongue—Shiu	22
Corned—Ham Ngau	22
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Hump—Ngau Kiu	13
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Kidneys—Ngau Yik	18
Tail—Ngau Mei	12
Liver—Ngau Gon	12
Tripes—Ngau Gon	12
Calves—Head & Feet—Ngau Chai	10
Mutton—Chop—Young Fat	22
Leg—Young Fat	22
Shoulder—Young Fat	22
Pigs—Chillings—Choi Chong	24
Brisket—Choi Kow	24
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Sheep's Head and Feet—Young Fat	20
Heart—Young Fat	9
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Suet—Beef—Sung Ngau Yik	22
Mutton—Sung Young Fat	22
Veal—Ngau Chai Yik	20
Stomachs—Ngau Chai Chai	20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai	23
Capon, Large, Small—Shiu Bai	30
Ducks—A	22
Doves—Pan Yik	24
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Fowls—Canton—Kai	30
Balloon—Hoi Nam Kai	30
Geese—Ngai	18
Geese, Wild—Shiu Yik	24
Muskrat—Wong Keng	24
Bare, Shanghai—Tui Chai	24
Partridge—Choi Kow	24
Phasian—Shiu Kai	24
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Quail—Um—Choi	24
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Snipe—Sa—Choi	24
Turkeys—Choi—Phoi Kai Yik	24
Hen—Hoi	24
Wild Ducks—Shiu—Shanghai—Sui—pals	24
Teal—Sui—Ap Chai	24
Wild Ducks—Canton—Sung Shiu Yik	24

Fish.

Burbot—Kai Yik	10
Bream—Shiu Yik	15
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Shiu Yik	20
Carp—Hoi Yik	18
Catfish—Choi Yik	18
Codfish—Mou Yik	20
Crabs—Hoi	16
Cuttle Fish—Mou Yik	16
Dab—Sa—Mou Yik	12
Dog—Wong Mei Lun	12
Duck—Shiu Yik	12
Eels—Canton—Hoi Yik	16
Fresh water—Tui Shiu Yik	28
Salmon—Yellow—Wong Shiu	32
Tongue—Tien Kai	20
Garoupa—Sui Pan	12
Gadgou—Pak Yik	12
Herring—Tao Pak	12
Halibut—Chong Kwan	24
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Pomfret—Black—Hoi Chong	22
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Lemonade ... 65 "

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Ginger Ale ... 75 "

Sarsaparilla ... 75 "

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Specialties:

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Dry Ginger Ale ... \$1.00; Splits 60 "

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MARRIAGE.

On April 11, at Brighton, E. F. Accott, of Hongkong, to JEAN FARQUHARSON.

MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.

Miscellaneous

Goods per Karama undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

Saturday, May 14.—8.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

9 p.m.—Boxing at the Stadium of Belle Vue Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, May 18.—Exchange Banks Closed.

Goods per Taurine undelivered after this date at noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, May 17.—Goods per Chicago Maria undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, May 18.—11 a.m.—Auction of Raw Silk at No. 16 Godown of the H. E. & E. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

SATURDAY, May 21.—12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.'s Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1910.

FLOWER SHOW ETHICS.

We print in another column the annual report of the Hongkong Horticultural Society. The object of the Society is stated in its rules to be the "encouragement of gardening, and the principal action taken towards the attainment of that object is the holding of an annual flower and vegetable show. The Society after four years spent in feeling its way and buying experience (it was started with a sum of \$2,000, subscribed by the leading business firms), has at last apparently found its feet and the credit balance of nearly \$700, with which it commenced its last financial year, is not materially diminished at the end of that year.

The main item of expenditure is for prizes given at the annual show. It appears that these cost about \$500 a year, and in the year under review this amount was divided among forty prize-winners, the most fortunate of whom took as many as 23 out of a total of 152 prizes. It is probable that this liberal treatment acts largely as an incentive to good gardening, as the money no doubt mostly goes to the Chinese gardener, but a paragraph in the report makes us doubt if it is an unmixed good. It is said that rumours have reached the Committee that the rule which provides that all exhibits shall have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six weeks has not been strictly adhered to. It is to be regretted that any such remark should have been found necessary. An amateur Flower Show should be run on sportsmanlike lines and the Committee does well in taking no further action than appealing to the honour of the members to uphold the reputation of the Society. The Committee cannot maintain a staff of detectives to see that the rules are adhered to and indeed the few rules attached to the annual schedule cannot cover half the open questions which turn up in connection with the Exhibition and on which a man of strict honour would

decide, perhaps to his detriment, to be on the right side, while another might sail as near the wind as possible. A rule, states that exhibits shall have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least six weeks before the show, but no one with any pretension to fair-mindedness would think of buying plants at a market garden before that time and keeping them to exhibit in his own name. Pot plants should of course be grown in pots though there is no rule to that effect. A conscientious exhibitor has many opportunities in staging his exhibits of not taking up more room than he is strictly entitled to—the disadvantage of competitors. The ladies who so materially add to the interest of the Show by the trouble they take over the table decorations have ample opportunities of incalculating a high standard of integrity by refusing assistance or advice from others who might kindly but thoughtlessly offer it. There are no doubt many other ways which will occur to those acquainted with the details of a Flower Show in which the desire to win a prize at all costs may be subordinated to the desire to be "true and just in all one's dealings."

In every day life one's business transactions are governed by volumes of laws and ordinances and even these are not enough but must be supplemented by costly "justice" to obtain rulings on disputed points, but surely anything of this sort should be needless in an amateur gardening society. Its affairs should rather be governed by that unwritten code of honour which is the basis of all laws and rules, the everyday conduct of all fair-minded men.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 12th April was delivered in London on the 11th May.

Another case of plague has been notified to-day, the subject being a Chinese residing at Tit Hong Lang. This is the seventh case for the year.

An application has been made to the London Stock Exchange to allow the following security to be quoted in the official list:—Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Company, Limited, 100,000 vendors' cumulative preference shares of £1 each, fully paid. Nos. 200,001 to 400,000.

The directors of the Hongkong and China Gas have declared a dividend of 5 per cent. and a bonus of 1 per cent. (together 12s. per share) for the last year, making 11 per cent. for the year; £1,500 to general reserve, £300 to reserve for meeting fluctuations in reserve, £12,558 forward.

The China Mutual Steam Navigation Company's report shows that, including £14,392 brought forward, the profit for last year was £119,520. Of this £25,440 was written off for depreciation, and after payment of directors' fees, income-tax, &c., and placing £10,000 to reserve, the directors declare a dividend of 6 per cent. on the ordinary shares, and a like dividend on ordinary "B" shares, carrying forward £15,270.

The *Peking Daily News* in a recent leading article reminds foreign journalists that though China is an absolute monarchy, it is so in name only, the proletariat really enjoying more liberty than in many so-called democracies. Our contemporary also says it would be well for foreign writers to credit Chinese officials and the Chinese Government with greater honesty of purpose and disabuse their minds that Chinese officialdom is ever looking for an opportunity to get the better of foreign interests by means of duplicity and falsehood.

Many brokers and mining-lano merchants are celebrating the prosperous Rubber times by giving dinner and theatre parties to their friends. For one rubber dinner party in a leading hotel the following special menu was suggested by an enterprising broker:—Huities Yam Seng; Con-somme Cheronese; Anglo-Malayanais; Fugra Para; Kuala Lumpur Agassai; Pommes de Patating; Ducklet Rajah; Poars Tremelby; Yallambrosa Ice. Wines: Meritum Singapore.

Replying to questions in the Commons in reference to a consignment of Chinese pork Mr Burns explained that the pork was refused admission in London because it did not comply with a technical requirement; the breckbone having been taken out of the carcasses. That portion was removed, not in order to prevent the detection of tuberculosis, but for commercial reasons. The pigs in question were not, as had been alleged, the black razor-backed scavenger pigs. They were, according to a report of the Consul-General at Hankow, white pigs of a special breed fed on rice in the valley of the Yangtze. Mr Markham rose to ask a further question, but the Speaker intervened with the remark, "We have had enough of pigs for to-day."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Andromeda, cruiser, which took home the relieved crew of the cruiser Minmouth from the China Station, arrived at Plymouth on 15th April.

Sir Hiram Maxim is at the head of a new aerial company—A.I.R.—which has been formed to assist the poor inventor, and to place Britain ahead of her rivals in the aerial industry.

Messrs Macgregor, Caldwell and Co., in London, have been appointed purveyors to the House of Lords and House of Commons for their firm's O. S. and Extra Special Liqueur whiskeys.

The Japanese Government has purchased from Messrs Vicker, Sons and Maxim the special vessel *Transporter* which the firm designed and constructed some little time ago for the purpose of shipping submarines to Japan, a task for which she proved herself eminently fitted.

Kowloon residents are keenly excited in the preparations now being rushed forward for bringing the railway past Signal Hill up to the last godown standing on the ground of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Ltd. A part of Salisbury road will have to be resumed, we notice.

Mr Henry Keywick has purchased the last of the staunch sailing schooners used by the Shanghai pilots—the *John Prance*—and will sail her in Hongkong waters as a pleasure yacht. She comes down in tow of the *Chorwang*. The *John Prance* was built in 1896, by Farham, Boyd and Co., and is of 48 tons register. She is said to be the finest example of the old-time fleet.

Speaking at a dinner given at the City Carlton Club, Mr George A. Tuche remarked that the present Government would go down to posterity as the indiarubber Government. They reminded him of nothing so much as those indiarubber dolls which when squeezed in one place, said "Papa," and when squeezed in another said "Mamma." (Laughter.) This Government, when some of their loyal followers held them below the belt, said "Budget first." If Mr Redmond with his shillings held them on the chest, they said "Vote first!" and when the Unionists punched their heads, they said "Wait and see."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The marriage took place on April 11, at Brighton, of Mr E. F. Accott, of Hongkong, to Miss Jean Farquharson.

The Justices of the Peace in Hongkong will swear the oath of allegiance to King George V. at 5 o'clock this evening in the Council Chamber.

Staff Surgeon C. B. Fairbank joins the cruiser *Flora* of the China Squadron. Staff Surgeon C. B. Fairbank has spent 12 years in the medical department of the fleet, and was promoted staff surgeon four years ago.

It is understood that Mr E. C. Blanchflower, R.N., has been transferred home and that Assistant Paymaster George Alfred Cook, who is at present at the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, is to be secretary to the new Commodore. Mr Dinchflower is very popular in naval circles and, fully deserves a change, especially if it carries promotion with it.

Princess Juliana, heiress to the throne of Holland, whose first birthday was celebrated on April 30, now possesses eight teeth. Visitors to the royal palace are always struck by the baby's healthy appearance. She is a big child for her age, with a pretty pink and white complexion and auburn hair. She bears a strong resemblance to her father. The Queen can hardly bear her to be away from her little daughter.

Capt. J. Franklin Parry, who has been appointed to succeed Capt. C. E. Muro as assistant hydrographer at the Admiralty, has seen some service in the Far East. He was in charge of a party landed from the *Ramblar* at Memphis, British-North Borneo, to protect the residents from hostile natives. In June, 1906, he took command of the *Merlin*, newly fitted out for surveying service on the China Station, but was invalided home six months later.

Field-Marshal Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum arrived in London on April 28 and was accorded a great reception. He was met at Waterloo station by his predecessor, Lord Roberts, and the warmest greetings were exchanged between the two veterans. In the course of an interview on his tour of the Empire, Lord Kitchener emphatically declared his belief that England was not decadent. He was also questioned about his visit to Japan and his Lordship greatly enjoyed the Japanese, their methods and their achievement.

Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton struck his flag on the cruiser *King Alfred* at Portsmouth on 13th April, on relinquishing the command of the China Station. There is, says the *L. and O. Express*, not a more popular officer in the Navy than Sir Hedworth Lambton, who stands as high in the Royal favour as he does in the esteem of the Lower Deck. This enviable position he has achieved by professional ability and sterling personal qualities. During the siege of Ladysmith, where he commanded the naval force in the garrison, Sir Hedworth Lambton won something more than military fame; he gained the hearts of the officers and men under him by the thoughtfulness for their welfare and his pluck in face of the enemy. During the time she has been his flagship the *King Alfred* has been always "on the top line," and she comes home from China with a fine record for consistent efficiency. She has, moreover, been a very comfortable ship.

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THE ACCESSION DE-
CLARATION.REMOVAL OF ROMAN
CATHOLIC GRIEVANCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 12.

The Government is introducing a Bill amending the Accession Declaration so as to avoid giving offence to Roman Catholics.

RESOLUTIONS IN THE
COMMONS.

MR ASQUITH'S TRIBUTE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 12.

In the House of Commons the Deputy Speaker read a message from King George, expressing sorrow at the death of King Edward and an appreciation of his great qualities.

The House was crowded and all present were in mourning.

All the members sat in silence with uncovered heads.

Mr Asquith moved a resolution of condolence with the Royal Family and of congratulation to King George V. He also moved a resolution of condolence with Queen Alexandra.

Mr Asquith dwelt on the late King's 10 years' reign, crowded with events, and also spoke of the growing friendship which had been fostered abroad. King Edward had well earned his title of "Peacemaker."

Mr Balfour seconded and the resolutions were carried in silence.

Mr Asquith announced that the House would adjourn until June 8th, when Supply will be taken.

COURT MOURNING.

(Signed), Carver.

His Excellency Sir Henry May received the following telegram this afternoon with regard to the Court Mourning.

"Governor, Hongkong.—Court mourning will last until May 6, 1911. It is expected that the public will wear mourning from May 12, duration not fixed yet. King Edward's funeral will take place on the morning of May 20."

GINGER TRANSACTIONS.

A Claim and a Counter-claim.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction to-day, before the Acting Paines Judge (His Honour Mr F. A. Hazeland) a claim was brought by the Sam Shing Wo Hing Kee Firm against the Wing On Company for \$912.78, being amount alleged to be due for preserved and dry ginger supplied.

There was a counter-claim for \$884.74. Mr F. P. Hett was for the plaintiffs and Mr J. H. Gardiner for the defendants.

Some argument took place on Mr Gardiner's claim to the right to open on the grounds that his counter-claim exceeded the amount of the undimmed portion of the claim, but His Lordship did not support this view and ordered Mr Hett to open.

Mr Hett explained that the plaintiffs were a very well-known firm of ginger merchants, having been established in Hongkong for a great many years, while the defendants were traders and agents for the Wing On Company in Sydney, Australia, for whom the consignment in this particular case was intended.

A defence was filed by which the defendants admitted the claim for 130 cases of preserved ginger at \$510, but in regard to the dry ginger they admitted that it had been supplied and delivered but was not of the quality demanded and had been refused by the Wing On in Australia. Mr Hett stated that it was not merchantable. A sum of \$400.70 had been paid on account of ginger supplied. He (Mr Hett) wanted to ask his Lordship for judgment on the claim and then his friend could do what he liked with the contract.

Mr Hett went on to refer to other admissions, stating that 100 cases of new ginger were ordered by the defendants, but plaintiffs denied that it was to be fine, tender ginger or that each tin was to contain one pound of such ginger. The contract was that they were to put seven or eight ounces of ginger into one-pound tins. No wonder that the people in Australia sent a telegram to say they could not accept it.

Mr Gardiner—It is not a matter of weight at all.

His Lordship—Does anything turn on that at all?

Mr Hett—A good deal, my Lord, because it is the whole case. It would be far cheaper to put them in tins of the ordered size, and they thought the people in Australia would be ready to buy one-pound tins irrespective of the amount they contained.

Mr Gardiner—The Wing On in Australia ordered them in that way. It is the custom. There is nothing in the correspondence as to weight, it is merely a question of quality.

Mr Hett went on to point out that in the counter-claim there was a sum of \$100 for returning the ginger from Australia to Hongkong.

His Lordship—It has not come back, has it?

Mr Gardiner—No, but we shall have to take it back because they won't accept it there.

Mr Hett said he did not know that was of much importance except to show the attitude of the defendants. The defendants said in effect, "We have taken delivery of these goods. We have not paid you for any of the goods. We won't pay you for the first portion because you owe us money on the counter-claim, and with regard to the second lot we say it is utterly useless to us, we repudiate the contract and refuse to pay." The contract was that the plaintiffs should deliver the goods and the defendants should pay. The plaintiffs had delivered the goods.

Mr Gardiner—Not according to contract.

Mr Hett—It was ginger.

Mr Gardiner—But not the sort we ordered.

Mr Hett contended that the defence was no defence at all. Did his friend suggest a breach of the conditions? Whatever the breach might be, immediately the goods delivered to the defendants were shipped to Australia the breach of conditions became a breach of warranty and there was only one remedy for breach of warranty and that was an action for damages.

The case was adjourned for a fortnight.

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NATIONAL SYMPATHY.

ROYAL THANKS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 11.

King George, in his message to the Navy and Army, expresses gratitude for the faithful services they have rendered, and adds: "I know I can rely on their loyalty and devotion and I shall watch over their interest with keen solicitude and affectionate interest."

Queen Alexandra has written a most touching message to the nation. She says: "From the bottom of my poor broken heart I wish to express my deep felt thanks for the touching sympathy of all classes in my overwhelming sorrow and unexpressed anguish. I confide my dear son to your care, begging you to show him the same loyalty you showed to his dear father."

ANOTHER DREAD-
NOUGHT.

THE HERCULES LAUNCHED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 11.

The Hercules, sister ship to the Colossus, has been launched at Jarrow. The proceedings were very quiet.

ANGLO-JAPANESE
EXHIBITION.TO BE OPENED WITHOUT
CEREMONY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 11.

In deference to His Majesty's expressed wish the decision not to open the Japan-British Exhibition till after the funeral of King Edward has been rescinded.

It will be opened on Saturday next without ceremony.

THE NEW JAPANESE
LOAN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 11.

Half of the amount of the new Japanese loan has been subscribed at a premium.

THE KOWLOON SHOOTING
AFFAIR.

Magistrate Again Refuses Bail.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 11.

Before Mr E. R. Hallifax, at the Magistrate's office this afternoon, Mr J. H. Gardiner renewed his application for bail in the case in which George Quinn is charged with attempting to murder his wife.

His Worship—I don't think it is possible to allow it.

Mr Gardiner—The lady is here and can make a statement to your worship that it was a pure accident. She is in no fear of her life.

His Worship—Until I have heard the evidence and what Inspector Langley has to say I cannot allow it.

Mr Gardiner—I wrote to Inspector Langley this morning that I would renew the application this afternoon, would your Worship allow me to renew the application to-morrow?

His Worship—I am afraid it is no use doing so.

Mr Gardiner—There was no one else present and she states it was purely an accident. The prosecution cannot get a conviction against my client in view of the statements to be made by his wife.

His Worship mentioned that some letters bearing on the case had been found.

Mr Gardiner—She will say whether it was intentional or not. I admit that the charge of attempted murder is a very serious one.

His Worship—I have not seen the letters. I must refuse the application.

Mr Gardiner—It is very hard on defendant.

His Worship—It may be; I cannot help it.

The case was adjourned until Wednesday.

LAME SHOULDERS.

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THE MACAO MURDER.ONE PRISONER GETS 20
YEARS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, May 12.

The verdict in the "Tsingtau" tragedy case was delivered at the Criminal Sessions to-day.

The man Antonio Gomes was sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude in Africa, while the other prisoner, Joao Lopes Guimaraes, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

[Note.—The tragedy to which the above refers took place at Macao during the early hours of December 18th last, a dispute having arisen between the prisoners and two sailors from the German gunboat *Kingin* in reference to the payment of a sum for billiards and drinks. The man Gomes shot one of the sailors with a revolver, fatally injuring him, while the other prisoner stabbed another, who, however, recovered from the wounds.—*Ev. G. M.*]

A SHANGHAI TRAGEDY.

CAPTAIN OF P. AND O. TENDER
DROWNED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, May 12.

Captain Hay, of the P. and O. tender *Gutzlaff*, was drowned while attempting to board early this morning.

BIG STORM IN JAPAN.

SHIPWRECKS AND LOSS OF
LIFE.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

TOKYO, May 12.

Since Tuesday evening a heavy storm has been raging to the west of Tokyo. One shipwreck has been reported involving the loss of 52 men.

Two torpedo-boat destroyers are stranded near Yokosuka, but their crews escaped without injury.

The weather has now cleared up.

HONGKONG'S LOYAL SYMPATHY

Royal Acknowledgment.

The following telegram has been received by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong (Sir Henry May), from the Secretary of State, in reply to the resolution of sympathy with the Royal family in their great bereavement, which was passed at the special meeting of the Executive and Legislative Councils on Monday last:—

"Governor, Hongkong.
Your telegram dated 9th May has been laid before Her Majesty and I am commanded to convey Her Majesty's heartfelt thanks for the loyal and dutiful message of sympathy with them in their great bereavement."
— CREWE.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received at the American Consulate-General Hongkong from the Manila Observatory:—

Cyclone or Typhoon located 11° N. Longitude, 20° E. Latitude, almost stationary.

Another Cyclone or Typhoon near or over the Western Carolines moving W. or W.N.W.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Report for year ending 31st March, 1910.

The Committee beg to present their Fifth Annual Report.

The Annual Flower and Vegetable Show was held in the Botanic Gardens on the 8th and 9th of March, 1910, the date being fixed by a "referendum" to those who exhibited at the previous show. The weather was unfavourable, the frost being on the show being cold and cloudy, the first day of the show fair and the second wet. The exhibits of flowers from the lower levels were fully up to previous years, those from the Peak however showed the effects of the inclement weather. The vegetables both from the Peak and lower levels showed a decided advance both in quality and number of entries over previous years.

The following table gives a comparative statement of the entries, &c., for the last four shows:—

	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
Number of exhibitors	31	19	25	25	25
Number of prizes won	130	140	107	102	102
Prizes won	134	102	95	95	95
Classes	25	43	49	40	40
Exhibitors	631	422	485	524	524
Year	1907	1908	1909	1910	1910

The Judges were Messrs J. Barton, D.W. Cradock, H. Humphries and W. J. Tutcher. For the Gardens Messrs W. J. Barton, D.W. Cradock, H. Humphries and W. J. Tutcher. For the Gardens Messrs W. J. Barton, D.W. Cradock, H. Humphries and W. J. Tutcher. For the Gardens Messrs W. J. Barton, D.W. Cradock, H. Humphries and W. J. Tutcher.

The Committee wish briefly to refer to the success which has been achieved in the object that the rule which specifies that exhibits shall have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six weeks, has in some cases been infringed. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining adequate proof of such a case, the Committee have decided to relax the rule for the first year since its formation, the Society has all but paid its way.

The Committee have to deplore the loss through death of two of their number, Mr. Choo Leong Choo and Mrs. L. Gibbs.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Statement of Accounts to 31st March, 1910.

RECEIPTS.
Balance from last account.....\$ 690.26
Annual Subscriptions 1909.....15.00
Ditto 1910.....575.00

March Flower Show—
Gate Money.....\$ 187.17
Donations to Prize Fund.....235.00
Entrance fees non-members.....25.60

Interest Current A/c B. & S. Bank.....447.67
Total.....\$1,738.19

EXPENDITURE.
March Flower Show—
Printing.....\$ 142.50
Prizes.....500.00
Band.....82.40
Refreshments.....234.00
Tea and coffee.....22.28

Sendries.....653.16
Balance carried forward to new a/c.....\$1,738.19

Audited and found correct.
H. B. L. DOWLING.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE MOVEMENT.

Beginnings at Hongkong and Kowloon.

Both Hongkong and Kowloon can now boast of possessing its squad of Boys' Brigade members, a start having been made last evening, when the first musters took place under happy circumstances.

At Kowloon the gathering was marked by the presence of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Sir Henry May) and Lady May, as well as of the Officer Commanding the Troops (Col. C. W. R. St. John). The thoroughness with which the Rev. H. O. Spink had taken the work in hand was evidenced by the fact that nearly 30 lads turned up to be enrolled while a number of young men identified with St. Andrew's Church came forward and offered their services in the work.

The gathering took place on the Church grounds, the lads being drawn up in line for inspection by His Excellency, who evinced the keenest interest in the project. At the conclusion of the inspection a short service was held. In addition to those already mentioned there were present the Ven. Archdeacon Barnett, Rev. H. O. Spink, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education), Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kemp, Mrs. Forsyth, Miss Spink, Mr. E. Cornwall Lewis, Capt. Garrett, A. D. C. to His Excellency, and others.

After the singing of the hymn, "Fight the good fight," prayer was offered by Archdeacon Barnett.

The Rev. H. O. Spink, in introducing His Excellency, spoke of their thanks and gratitude at his coming to help them in their new work that evening. This was a new departure in the church organisation of St. Andrew's, Kowloon, and they were starting a Brigade with a small beginning, which they hoped would grow to great things in days to come.

Kowloon at present was a small place, and the number of boys of suitable age for a Boys' Brigade and Scouts' Company was very limited, but in a few years Kowloon would grow very considerably and so it seemed well to set on foot that company, making a modest start with a view subsequently to a larger organisation. Their numbers that evening were not large, but they would grow year by year. Though their numbers were small they felt that the start had been very greatly helped by the presence that evening of His Excellency and Lady May. It was a pleasure to see them there and he was sure they would remember the words to be addressed to them by His Excellency, words which would encourage them to go forward in their work with great energy.

His Excellency then addressed the lads. He opened by saying he had not heard about the Boys' Brigade before; he did not know of its existence until a couple of days ago. He understood it was a mission among boys to organise them and to teach them useful knowledge, to acquire proficiency in athletics, and to help them by learning discipline and obedience to become better men, and to be able to help others. He understood it was a mission among boys to organise them and to teach them useful knowledge, to acquire proficiency in athletics, and to help them by learning discipline and obedience to become better men, and to be able to help others.

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RUBBER NOTES.

The following letter, which appeared in the North China Daily News of 6th inst. will interest the young "investor" or "speculator" in rubber shares.

Sir,—It has been difficult for me to suppress a smile after perusal of most of the letters which have lately appeared in your columns in relation to the above subject, for with the exception of Mr. Gore Booth and "Rubber Optimist," your correspondents are very much at sea, in more than one. Their arguments and contentions are so amateurish that it is perhaps hopeless to attempt to convince them that when they use the term "investor" they mean "speculator," and that when they try to find the reason why their speculations have turned out unpromisingly they make the mistake of eliminating their own personal selves and attempt to fasten the guilt on others and in quarters where it cannot, and does not, belong. "Rubber Optimist" gives the true solution of a problem which is obvious to any one who possesses a modicum of experience in our local share market but as his contentions may not be quite clear to some of your correspondents who are seeking after knowledge, I shall, with your permission, attempt to clarify the air with a few simple schoolboy arguments.

There are various reasons for the gradual and persistent drop in the price of our local rubber shares, but for the purpose of this article it will be sufficient to name the two most important causes. Smith, who represents the generality of Shanghai speculators, owned on February 15th last 10,000. He invested all that money in, say, Butes at par. Five days later he has a chance of getting in on "the ground floor" in Padang, but not having a cent he sells one-third of his holdings in Butes. Five hundred other Smiths do the same thing. Now Smith holds Butes, and Padangs. A week later Semelings tempt him on the ground floor, but not having a cash he sells more Butes and one-third of his Padang holdings. Five hundred other Smiths do the same. A little later he has an opportunity of getting in on the ground floor in Sinks, but not having a star he sells Butes, Padangs and Semelings. Eight hundred other Smiths do the same thing. And so forth until the whole twenty-seven companies have had their chance. The only consequence of such forced and foolish selling is to depreciate every stock that Smith holds, and he and all the other Smiths are themselves to blame for the state of the market. This is the principal cause of the drop in prices.

Another, and perhaps equally important reason, is the fact that all the small Smiths in town can smuck during the recent boom and insisted on buying shares "forward" at fancy prices. For five weeks brokers have their clothes almost torn off their backs by excited plungers who desired to buy shares "forward" at three or four hundred per cent premium. Now, there are in these settlements certain large and experienced operators, people with two or three million taels to their name who are used to the game and keep a cool head on their shoulders. Besides their eyes they have many hundred shares of each kind for all descriptions locked up in their safes. When the boom was at its height these experienced operators reflected as follows:—"I think it is about time to test the market. If I do not mistime all my shares in town have bought about ten times more shares 'forward' than they can pay for. The big operator calls in his broker and instructs him to sell 5,000 Padangs, 5,000 Karans, 5,000 Semelings, 5,000 Butes, 5,000 Sinks, etc., etc. at best prices obtainable. Assuming the broker succeeds in selling these shares, or at least a goodly number of them, the big operator opens his safe and says to his broker:—"Now, Mr. Broker, will you please get on the market and sell to me as many hundred shares of each kind for cash at best prices obtainable. The broker tries to sell, but finds that Smith and Co. have not got a dollar with which to buy the precious shares, and in obedience to the instructions of his client the broker lowers his price until he reaches the figure at which Mr. Smith can afford to buy. If Mr. Smith has no money the market becomes mud. This is the A.B.C. of the present situation and all the conjectures raised by most of your correspondents is so much idle chatter written by people who do not know what they are talking about—broadly speaking.

Messrs Fraser and Co., share brokers, of Singapore, write:—"We have to record a general falling off in prices of dollar and sterling shares, which latter have dropped to the extent that they no longer attract sales by local holders to London, hence an exceptionally dull week has passed. Most of the dollar quotations are purely nominal, and apart from a few forced sales there has been little doing."

The following table, compiled by the Straits Times, will easily show that falls in prices are liable to be almost as rapid as rises, and the difference in values in a month amounts to a general average of twelve per cent. The figure at which a drop of about 20-35 per cent and there is every likelihood of the fall continuing for some time to come yet, and many of the shares of younger local companies are likely to go back nearly to par.

April 7. May 5.
Allagar.....\$ 9 5
Anglo Malay.....\$ 17 0
Batu Tiga.....\$ 2 6
Cheremong.....\$ 7 5
Edinburgh.....\$ 25 10
Highlands.....\$ 28 10
Kamuning.....\$ 15 0
Landroon.....\$ 23 0
Sembilang.....\$ 20 0
Selayang.....\$ 24 5
Sungai.....\$ 10 9
United Selayang.....\$ 28 10
Villambrosa.....\$ 22 10
Changkat Selayang.....\$ 28 10
Elphinstone.....\$ 7 5
Indragiri.....\$ 4 8
Pajam.....\$ 2 6
Pegoh.....\$ 2 6
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